

News reports indicate the FCC will on April 27<sup>th</sup> vote in the affirmative to require TV broadcasters put their public files online. However, the reports suggest the FCC will only require broadcasters do so in some markets. What are those local markets though and how the FCC will pick what those markets are though remains unclear. My advice is if the FCC is intent on passing said rules that it should not make special interest exemptions for some broadcasters in some markets. All broadcasters should be subject to these new rules – no playing favorites – picking which broadcasters have to comply and which don't will seem unfair and discriminatory. Broadcasters that have to comply will complain why do we have to comply when broadcasters in another market don't. However, if the intent of the FCC is to eventually require online disclosure of all broadcasters and is only initially requiring a few to do so with the proviso those that don't have to do so will have to do so in the future that is okay if the reasoning is to give some smaller broadcasters more time to digitize their public files and upload them.